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RE: Request for 120 Day PUC Extension for Negotiations
STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 474; FRR-4915-01-P); Burlington Northern Santa Fe
Railway Abandonment
Exemption in Washington County, MN

Dear Ms. Brown:

This request is filed on behalf of the County of Washington, which is a local government unit interested in transportation and recreation, hereinafter referred to as "proponent". The proponent remains engaged in discussions with Burlington northern Santa Fe Railway ("BNSF") toward the desired outcome for all parties, which is an agreement regarding railbanking and interim trail use of the line by the proponent.

On October 4, 2011 the STB granted the proponent's request to impose a public use condition to allow for negotiating the railbanking of the line for trail use 180 days later. The proponent hereby requests an additional 120-day period in which to continue negotiations with BNSF. BNSF is amenable to this extension and continued negotiations. Thank you for your consideration.

By my signature below, I certify service upon Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, 2500 Lou Menk Drive, 3rd Floor, Fort Worth, Texas 76131-2828, by US Mail postage pre-paid, first class, this 6th day of April, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard D. Hodsdon".

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